

also have, in the north balcony, we have 45 twelfth graders from Gibbon High School, from Senator Cudaback's area, and their teacher. If you folks could all stand and be recognized, please. And then we have working, or excuse me, here in the Chamber with us Tom and JoAnn Sieck, from Pleasant Dale. Many of us who have been around a number of years remember Tom's father, the late Senator Harold Sieck. They also, carrying on the tradition, I understand Peggy is the daughter of Tom and JoAnn, is one of the Pages who is working here today. So thank you folks for visiting us also. LB 5...Senator Bernard-Stevens, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. Senator Wesely, sometimes you don't realize how much you like something or you miss something until it's gone. And if you would send a message to your mother that throughout the years we've appreciated very much the kolaches, it was never necessary for her to do so, but if you'd let her know that we do miss them and we appreciated all her work and efforts, and they are the greatest we've ever tasted. If you'd relay that to your mother, we'd appreciate that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. I had just composed a letter to go to Mrs. Wesely that says, Dear Mrs. Wesely, We the undersigned would like to thank you retrospectively for all the wonderful kolaches you have furnished on Don's birthday over the years. If this sounds like an invitation to consider continuing the tradition, you are right, we love those kolaches! And I thought I'd send it around and ask every member of the body to sign. So we do appreciate them.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, General File, senator priority bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 505, introduced by Senator Will and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17 of this year, referred to the Retirement Systems Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Will, to open on your bill.